



WINTER 2008-2009 PSIA-AASI NEWSLETTER



WINTER 2009

President's Message

Dear Northern Intermountain Member:

I write with mixed emotions. Excited for the activity and participation in our Division and National, yet saddened while our industry struggles in this economy, especially with the recent closure of Tamarack Resort.

Symposium is just around the corner. Sun Valley will host this year and the committee has been working hard to give us all an excellent educational, and social event. We are planning to have an Alpine D-Team member to participate, again this year. Look for registration and agenda later in this newsletter.

Another education event will occur March 11-13. Lew Peterson, Nordic Chair has arranged for a Nordic Track D-Team member to provide clinics in Sun Valley. We hope to generate enthusiasm and momentum in the Nordic Track skiing world. Craig Panarisi, former Nordic D-Team coach gave an incredible Telemark clinic at Bogus Basin, with 10 participants in February.

I have been talking a lot with TJ Kauth, Snowboard Chair, and we will push hard to bring a Snowboard D-Team member to NI early next season.

Jen Smith, Adaptive Chair reports the National Adaptive Committee will hold an Examiners College at Mt. Hood, in early Summer. We will have representatives from our Division participate.

Jamie Zolber, Certification VP continues to work with the Certification Unity Task Force (C.U.T.), developing education and certification standards for Level III Alpine, with long term goals to address certification standards for the other disciplines.

I hope you can see your NI Board and Educational/Certification staffs strong commitment to providing quality educational opportunities for you, and active participation at the national level.

ASEA (National) is currently preparing for training and launch of the long awaited CRM4M association management software. CRM4M will electronically link each Division to ASEA, sharing information, updating and maintaining records, etc.. We will be sending Patti Morgan to Lakewood later this month for training. Patti will be sharing and updating information which Lex Kunau, NI Executive Secretary, who has managed and maintained records since the beginning of North-

ern Intermountain.

Mark Dorsey, Executive Director of ASEA announced a few weeks ago, new members joining after February 15th, 2009 will enjoy membership the rest of this membership year until the annual renewal, June 2010. This will essentially eliminate the financial stress of becoming a member of ASEA during the season and then being required to cough up another \$100 in June. Anyone joining after February 15th will renew the next year.

I have received emails and calls from many members this past season. I hope those of you who have contacted the Board, VP's, Chairs or myself feel your concerns have been properly addressed. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at Symposium in Sun Valley!

Sincerely,

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Skiing is Believing by Molly Mouser

January 2009

One morning, at the meeting of Bogus Basin's Recreation Unlimited adaptive instructors, I heard the words, "Molly, your afternoon lesson is with a woman with a visual impairment". I thought, "What? I've never taught the visually impaired! I'm not prepared for this!". But then I realized the only thing I had to do different from teaching the sighted skier, was to put myself in the position of the non-sighted skier. I imagined how I will introduce her to her skis, how to put the skis on, how to scoot on one ski, etc. But more importantly, I needed to build a relationship with the student.

I had heard that my student, Sheila, was riding the bus up to Bogus by herself, and that I was to meet her in the rental office. I was already impressed with her independence, and we hadn't even met yet. When I found Sheila in the rental office, I took the time to listen to her explain her illness, what works best for her, and what to expect from her. As we talked and explored our options for the day, the relationship was already off to a good start.

The first lesson was a success. Sheila conquered the magic carpet, and glided down the slope. She was very honest about what she was feeling. Such as, she couldn't sense how fast she was moving, and couldn't judge how close other people were to her. But overall, she enjoyed it and was excited to return for her next lessons. When I got home that night, I reviewed my instructor manuals, [Adaptive Snowsports Instruction](#) and [Bold Tracks](#) and made note of ideas to use in future lessons. Some ideas have worked for Sheila, and others have not. Sheila and I are both learning from each other.

It has just been one month since I met Sheila, and we have formed a unique friendship. We meet for walks in the foothills (where she enjoys making me walk with my eyes closed and use her walking cane) and we have met each other at local events or to get a bite to eat downtown. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to teach Sheila. It has given me a new perspective on so many things in life.

A NOTE FROM SHEILA:

"One of my primary concerns when I encountered a vision loss was how to safely return to enjoying outdoor adventures. Molly Mouser taught me how to ski and Robert Krough, from Recreation Unlimited, made the Adaptive Ski lessons possible. I remember laughing and shouting during my first lesson, "Molly you gave me my life back.". Molly always made sure I was safe, helped me find courage when I was scared, and gently pushed me when I was too content. Robert arranged for my lessons, equipment, transportation, and scholarship. I will remember Molly and Robert's kindness and dedication forever."



2009 Spring Symposium Sun Valley Skiing Stimulus Package

Name _____ PSIA-NI# _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone# _____ Ski School _____

- Two day NI member instructor package \$80
(includes registration fee, two days clinics, banquet, barbeque)
- Two day non- member instructor package \$100
(includes registration fee, two days clinics, banquet, barbeque)
- Lift tickets (per day per person) \$40
- Lodging at Sun Valley
- Single occupancy (2 nights, including 2 lift tickets) \$270
- Double occupancy (2 nights, including 4 lift tickets) \$330

Banquet only \$30

Registration needs to be postmarked by March 24th.
A late fee of \$20 will assessed for applications arriving after March 24th

Saturday, April 4th

<p>Morning Sessions</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ski with D-Team member</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Art of cruising-Skiing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Carving Clinic-Snowboard</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Free the heel, Free the mind-Telemark</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Family and Friends tour of Baldy</p>	<p>Afternoon Sessions</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ski with D-Team member</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Race Course GS/SL</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Bumps and the untamed-skiing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Park and Pipe-Ski</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Park and Pipe-Snowboard</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Telemark video worksho</p>
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Sunday, April 5

<p>Morning Sessions</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ski with D-Team member</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Getting on Track-cross country for all</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Off piste of the Snowboard Kind</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Clean and Carved-ski</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ski with the Girls</p>	<p>Afternoon Sessions</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ski with D-Team member</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Free Heel-Telemark in the bumps and variable snow</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Free Ski-form a group, add a clinician</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Free ride-all mountain riding for the snowboards</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Easy style it</p>
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Release from Liability: Recognizing that skiing/snowboarding can be a hazardous sport, I hereby release PSIA-NI, the host area and agents and employees of each from liability for any and all injuries of whatever nature arising during or in connection with the conduction of the event for which this application is made.

Signature _____ Date _____

2009 Spring Symposium
Sun Valley Skiing Stimulus Package
Agenda

Friday April 3, 2009

12:30-5:30PM	Board of Directors Meeting	Ram Room Sun Valley Village
5:30- 6:30 PM	General Membership Meeting	Ram Room Sun Valley Village
6:30-7:30 PM	Meet greet, late registration	Lobby Lounge SV Inn
7:30---	No host dinner	Bald Mountain Pizza SV Inn

Saturday April 4, 2009

8:00 AM	No host breakfast	River Run Lodge
8:30-9:00AM	Pick up packets	River Run Lodge
9:00-12:30	Ski with clinicians	Bald Mountain
12:30-1:30	Lunch on your own	River Run Lodge
1:30-4:00	Ski with clinicians	Bald Mountain
5:30-7:00	Music drink fun	Duchin Room SV Lodge
7:00-9:00	Banquet	Lodge Dining Room
9:00-	Dancing	Duchin Room SV Lodge

Sunday April 5, 2009

8:30 AM	Meet with clinicians	River Run Lodge
9:00-12:30	Ski with clinicians	Bald Mountain
12:30-1:30	BBQ	River Run Lodge
1:30-4:00	Ski with D Team Member	Bald Mountain

We are having a contest for the most unique sweater and or hat. Please look in your basement and pull out something outrageous. Contest judged by BOD. Prizes awarded at banquet.

Please direct registration forms and payment to:

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Celebrating Life with Camp Rainbow Gold and Adaptive Snowsport Instructors

by Molly Mouser



February 7, 2009

It was still dark when the children started loading the charter bus at American Cancer Society offices in Boise. Some children clutched their pillows, and others jumped onto the bus with excitement. They all had one thing in common; they were seeking a break from the rigors of a cancer diagnosis. The bus quickly filled up with 23 cancer patients and 20 of their siblings. They were headed to Sun Valley to participate in Camp Rainbow Gold's ski day!

Upon arrival at Dollar Mountain, the participants were greeted by 21 volunteers from Sun Valley Adaptive Sports. Camp Rainbow Gold also provided 38 volunteers, 6 of whom were instructors from Bogus Basin's

adaptive ski program, Recreation Unlimited. The young participants were outfitted with complimentary ski and snowboard gear through the rental shop, and then each volunteer/instructor took a small group of students onto the hill for a thrilling adventure.

For many of the participants, this was their first time skiing or snowboarding. The weather was perfect - warm and sunny. One student could be heard shouting "This is the best day of my life!" as she made turns down Quarter Dollar run for the first time. There were smiles all around as everyone took a break for a lunch of pizza, soda and cookies. Then each group headed for the slopes again, not wanting to waste any time before having to load the bus again at 3:30 pm.

After a long ride home to Boise, the exhausted participants were greeted by their families, who were waiting to hear stories of their adventures. The volunteers and instructors had heart warming stories to share as well.

Camp Rainbow Gold was established 25 years ago, and is administered by the American Cancer Society. Held annually in August at Cathedral Pines in Ketchum, Idaho, Camp Rainbow Gold oncology camp truly is a celebration of life. The week long camp provides nearly 85 cancer survivors with an escape from the rigors of their illness. For more information, visit: www.camprainbowgold.org. For more information about adaptive snowsport programs, visit: www.svasp.org or www.recreation-unlimited.org.

PSIA/AASI-NI MISSION

**We support our members
as a part of the snowsports industry to:**
*Develop personally and professionally
*Create positive learning experiences
*Have more fun

PSIA/AASI-NI through its divisions offers clinics and seminars designed specifically to improve your skiing or snowboarding technique.

You'll earn more, challenge yourself and have fun while doing it!

You receive 5 credits for each clinic in which you participate.

You must receive 10 credits every 2 years in order to maintain your membership.

When Learning Something New Becomes All About Friendships

I am always interested to learn what sparks a friendship. Discovering which experiences and what associations coalesce to create a sense of connection... inspiring someone to consider someone else a buddy or pal. In the spirit of sharing, I want to tell a story of three youngsters with little reason for befriending one another, but for learning to snowboard and ski.

A few weeks ago, my "little brother" Craig learned that he had been awarded a Big Brothers/Big Sisters (BBBS) scholarship in Bogus Basin's passport program. This was a HUGE opportunity because Craig's family has neither means nor time for treating him to equipment, lessons and ski passes. It was equally HUGE for me, because I love spending time on the slopes. As you might expect, Craig completed four weeks of snowboard lessons with good success. He was comfortable riding chairlifts, could make great heel side garlands and was working to learn toe-side maneuvers. He understood slope-side etiquette and enthusiastically embraced the nutty fun that gravity sports entail. Naturally, Craig made friends during lessons. Anthony was

the best of his buddies. As the story goes, Anthony also attended snowboard lessons thanks to Bogus Basin's BBBS scholarship program. Craig and Anthony teased the girls in class, shared personal observations - slope-style, boarding skill, other peoples' choice of attire - and began making plans for riding with one another once weekly lessons were finished.

I did not meet Anthony until the final snowboarding lesson concluded. And when we did meet, I learned that Anthony's "Big" was neither a skier nor boarder. I also learned that Anthony had a younger brother, Cayden, also participating in Big Brothers/Big Sisters, although aligned with a "Big" who skis and who had volunteered to take all three boys to the "Big Mountain" that afternoon.

I had watched Craig's progress and was impressed by his growing skill. The magic of professional instruction had played well. However, Craig had never been away from the "Beginner" area and was clearly a boarding novice. Anthony had similar skill and experience. As Craig and Anthony prepared for the big adventure, I was doing some

cautionary math: a stranger in charge; a real-live slope; and three boys brimming with enthusiasm for high adventure. The plan seemed more like a foundation for catastrophe than an opportunity for personal growth.

It took only moments for all three boys to don boards and skis. And once on the chairlift, for wild storytelling and uncontrolled laughter to take hold. What a scene! Three buddies sharing an adventure, enjoying one another and making memories to inspire dreams for a lifetime.

As I mentioned, I am always interested to learn what sparks friendship. In this case, an opportunity for learning to snowboard created a sense of connection for some great kids and for me... inspiring each of us to consider the other a buddy.

My sincere thanks extends to Bogus Basin Scholarship Foundation, Bogus Basin Ski School, and Big Brothers Big Sisters Of Southwest Idaho.

Thank you for your great work, dedication to supporting our community and friendships.

Scott MacPherson

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